

Christmas at CAFT 2023



"Both my boys had such an amazing time at our recent visit to CAFT for our Christmas visit. All the staff were amazing with my children, especially the elf helping Father Christmas who was so kind towards my eldest.

I feel sometimes my eldest misses out on things due to his little brother's struggles. But the elf in the grotto made my eldest feel so special by reminding him how amazing he is with his little brother! He kept telling me how kind she was. Thankyou for all the amazing work you do for our children!"

**Together we've brought festive
magic to 3,647 children.**

THANK YOU!



"CAFT is a place we can go as a family where we can be ourselves, especially my daughter. The Christmas event was magical from start to finish with the trail to all the craft activities surrounding the woodland area and best of all we got to see Father Christmas. Everyone from the volunteers to all the other families visiting are very friendly and accept each other. It's like a different world for a few hours."



"We had such a lovely time, it was such a lovely inclusive space and was so nice to see all the kids having a great time. My little boy adored the elf show and watched it twice! All the volunteers were fab, the elves particularly were so kind to him and patient. He really enjoyed meeting Santa this year for the first time 😊 I feel very grateful we managed to get a slot for our first visit with you. Thank you so much again."



"We struggle to go many places and this is one place we all enjoy as a family. We can sit and breathe and take a minute to have a hot drink whilst they all play happily and safely with each other. Many thanks for welcoming us."



"I would just like to say that CAFT is a fantastic charity, I would highly recommend it to families with children with SEND, we always enjoy our visits to CAFT, it is very inclusive to all abilities and everyone is always so welcoming, it is somewhere we can go as a family and feel comfortable and not judged, we always have a fantastic time at CAFT."



"We had the best time, it was so magical, and well organised, our children didn't feel overwhelmed as it was all planned perfectly so no one was queuing or gathering in areas for too long at the same time. All the volunteers were lovely and Santa was the best one we have ever seen, so interactive and lovely touch knowing the girls names. Thank you to everyone involved."

"My son wouldn't leave the house last year, due to autistic burnout & trauma. This year he had the most magical experience with CAFT. He enjoyed making all the crafts, visiting Santa & of course all the animals. Oh & not to forget to mention the delicious hot chocolate. All the volunteers we're lovely & it was great for us to meet other parents & children. Seeing our son smile again is the best Christmas gift we could ask for & thanks to everyone at CAFT that's exactly what we got. Thank you again for such a brilliant experience."



"We all had a fantastic trip to CAFT last weekend. Ned loved making the reindeer food, and feeding the ducks at the end. But his highlight was seeing the big man! In Ned's words: 'That was so much fun, meeting Santa!'. Ned can be quite shy with most people but he was really confident meeting Santa. The whole experience really was ideal for Ned's particular needs."

"I just wanted to say on behalf of my class a huge thank you to all the staff and volunteers for making our trip such a magical and memorable experience. It truly was a wonderful day and I loved watching the reaction of the student's faces during all the activities they were able to take part in. I can't even begin to imagine the amount of planning it takes to organise such a huge event but my goodness me it's done with precision and finesse."



"Massive thank you to everyone at CAFT for giving my family the best Christmas visit. There was lots of festive activities to do and a special visit to the main man himself with an amazing age-related gift. Both of our children hate busy places, but at CAFT there was plenty of space, not too busy/crowded and plenty of time to do everything we wanted too without feeling rushed or pressured. Our day at CAFT really got us into the Christmas spirit xx"

